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FROM STERNER

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST: PEACE CONFERENCE TALKS

1. ASST UNSYG GUYER GAVE ME FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF MEETINGS
SIILASVUO HAD WITH EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI WAR MINS. HE SAID
THESE WERE ESSENTIALLY BRIEF COURTESY CALLS; SIILASVUO HAD
NO SPECIAL MISSION.

2. GENERAL ALI MENTIONED GENEVA ONLY BRIEFLY, EXPRESSING
HOPE SOMETHING WOULD COME OF NEGOTIATIONS. ALI WAS
PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT RESUPPLY OF KABRIT. HE
ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT ISRAELI UNWILLINGNESS HAND BACK POWS
OR ALLOW EVACUATION SICK AND WOUNDED FROM DUEZ. ALI
FIRMLY MAINTAINED TO SIILASVUO THAT EGYPT HAD GIVEN ALL
ISRAELI POWS BACK AND THERE WERE NONE IN MISSING CATEGORY.
ON DEAD ISRAELI BODIES HE SAID EGYPT WOULD BE PREPARED TO HAND
THESE OVER TO ISRAELIS IF LATTER GAVE SATISFACTION ON KABRIT,
EVACUATION SUEZ, AND POWS.

3. SIILASVUO FOUND DAYAN AMENABLE ON SUEZ EVACUATION,
SAYING HE WILLING TO ALLOW THIS IF DEAD ISRAELI BODIES
HANDLED OVER, BUT HE WAS RIGID ON SUBJECT OF RESUPPLY OF
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KABRIT ENCLAVE, TAKING POSITION THIS WOULD HAVE TO
AWAIT BROADER DEAL ON DISENGAGEMENT. IN MEANTIME, HE
SAID, PRESENT SITUATION WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE WITH
EGYPTIANS ATTEMPTING TO GET SUPPLIES TO KABRIT BY FORCE

AND ISRAELIS TRYING TO PREVENT IT. DAYAN DID NOT
ON THIS OCCASION SAY ANYTHING ABOUT LEVY AND MIZRAHI.

4. WITH BOTH ALI AND DAYAN, SIILASVUO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT
INCREASING CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS. ALI SAID EGYPTIAN
SHOOTING WAS TO PREVENT ISRAELIS FROM BUILDING FORTIFICATIONS.
WHEN SIILASVUO MENTIONED THIS COMMENT TO DAYAN, LATTER
SAID THAT WHILE ISRAEL DID NOT INTEND TO CONSTRUCT MAGINOT
LINE, HE COULD NOT AGREE TO CESSATION OF WORK TO FORTIFYING
LINES WHERE ISRAELIS FELT THIS NECESSARY.BASSIN

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